HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 349

Commending Richard Macbeth.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2014

WHEREAS, Richard Macbeth, an active contributor to the Washington County community, retired from the United States Armed Forces on January 3, 2013, after 41 years of diligent service; and

WHEREAS, Richard Macbeth served in the United States Navy for seven years, followed by four years with the United States Air Force Reserves and nine years with the Air National Guard in the Civil Engineers; he completed his military career with the Air Force Retired Reserves; and

WHEREAS, though not a scout in his youth, Richard Macbeth has devoted 38 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America; he has served as a Scoutmaster and Cubmaster at unit, district, council, and area levels, and he is currently the assistant council commissioner for the Sequoyah Council in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Richard Macbeth also enjoyed a successful 29-year career with IBM, serving as a customer engineer, instructor and developer, network support architect, and directory architect; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Richard Macbeth has served on the Stake High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 2011, and he is the first councilor for the Stake young men's program; he volunteers as a temple worker for a church in Columbia, South Carolina, making a 600-mile round trip three times a month; and

WHEREAS, believing firmly in the importance of exercising his civic duty, Richard Macbeth is an active participant in all town meetings for the Town of Abingdon; he served as the first vice chairman for the Washington County Republican Party and was named chairman in 2012; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Richard Macbeth, a pillar of the Washington County community, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Armed Forces in 2013; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard Macbeth as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service and sacrifices.